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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement mailed May 3, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Listing of claims is on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 24 of this paper.